



THE JOINT STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: Logistics Actions to Meet the Berlin  
Contingency Build-Up (U)

1. In response to your query, the following report is submitted relative to concrete actions which have been or are being taken by the Army and the Air Force in the logistics area as a result of the Berlin contingency planning.

2. You will recall that JCSS-625-61, dated 15 September, requested the Secretary of Defense to direct the Army to ship to Europe presently available materiel in the CONUS for the US Army reinforcement units and that portion of Theater Reserve No. 3 as determined available by the Department of the Army. The Army has identified 39,000 tons of Class II and IV organizational equipment and 45,000 tons of other supplies and materiel to support the reinforcement units, numbering approximately 40,000 troops. Shipment action on these tonnages was initiated on 15 September and 34,000 short tons of cargo and approximately 2200 personnel have been shipped to date. This cargo tonnage does not require any special authorization from the Secretary of Defense inasmuch as it is associated with the reinforcement units presently being moved to Europe.

3. However, in addition to the above, the Army has identified 95,000 tons of ammunition and 22,000 tons of subsistence to augment present war reserves which can be shipped to Europe when directed by the Secretary of Defense. To date, no directive has been received by the Army from the Secretary of Defense to ship that portion of Theater Reserve No. 3 as determined available by the Department of the Army and as requested by JCSS-625-61.

4. With reference to the build-up of depot supply, rebuild and maintenance operations, the Army requested 16,072 manpower spaces from the Secretary of Defense to

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meet the depot operations requirement for the Berlin contingency on or about 23 August 1961. To date, none of the spaces requested have been allocated. The Army has exceeded their present authorization by 3678 in order to partially accommodate the increased workload.

5. Review of funding requirements and release to field activities of required Army funds, in particular, need to be expedited. A 27 September letter from the Under Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of Defense reviews Army O&M fund requirements to carry out tasks urgently required and justified for the third supplemental appropriation. It is significant that \$142 million are needed in excess of the \$394 million appropriated, but that only \$154 million have actually been released to the Army of the appropriated amount. On 27 September, CINCEUR reported a \$50 million Army deficiency to maintain existing forces even before undertaking essential preparation for increased build-up activity. Although this deficiency is being funded for the first six months of FY 1962, no funds have been released to the Army in Europe for the build-up with the exception of \$3.27 million MCA funds and \$.5 million O&M funds reported to be approved by the Secretary of Defense to support the reinforcement units presently being moved to Europe.

6. On 15 September, the Joint Chiefs of Staff forwarded to the Secretary of Defense a list of unprogrammed, highly critical ammunition and war consumable type items required by our NATO allies to bring them up to a 60-day level at US rates. The Services have not yet been directed by the Secretary of Defense to expedite delivery of those items which are available from current stocks and to take appropriate action on those items not currently available. In addition to these actions, USCINCEUR has recommended advanced funding and expedited delivery of certain items for inclusion in the FY 1962 MAP Program as well as unprogrammed items for inclusion in the FY 1962 Program. The Joint Staff and the Services are currently reviewing these lists of items for further refinement and will recommend positive actions to the Secretary of Defense, with regard to funding and waiving of certain restrictions in current MAP guidance for countries other than Greece and Turkey.

7. The Air Force is taking action to preposition equipment and supplies in Europe to meet the Berlin contingency.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF, JOINT STAFF, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
ON THE SUBJECT OF: LOGISTICS STATUS REPORT  
FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, WASHINGTON, D.C.

A new logistics status report is expected in the next two days which should provide input to the 9 October briefing on Operation Stair Step to the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

8. It is recommended that you discuss the matters set forth in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 above with the Secretary of Defense in order to expedite approval actions at his level.

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